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LORD OF HOSTS Is the Miller Number Custodial Zine. It carries assignations of Miller Numbers, variant game statistics and material related to the Miller Numbers and the variant Diplomacy hobby in general. Copies will be mailed to all people whom I know to be GMing variant games or to have variant openings; other persons may receive copies by sending a stamped addressed entelope. I m willing to trade URF DURFAL for any zine running variant games or having openings in variant games. Those who do not wish to trade are urgently requested to send me the names of players, GM, zine and variant at game start, (and a complete supply-center breakdown by year as well as player records (i.e., who dropped out when) at the conclusion of the game for publication in LoHs.

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1. No new Miller Numbers have been assigned since 1 January 1981. The Miller Numbers assigned here will be a surprise to the gamesmasters of the various games. However, I have not dropped out without a trace; there has been a hiatus of four months, but here they are. There are a variety of reasons for this, and I could bore you with a list of things I ve done in those four months and things Ive yet to do, but none of that would justify my nonfeasance in any case, so I shall refrain.

It has become clear to me that without other duties in the hobby (vide, publication of a zine) the hobby does not hold sufficient interest for me to continue operating a post like the Miller Numbers. Consequently, I am currently looking for a successor to my position. I ll be writing a number of people, but suggestions and volunteers are welcome. To my mind, the new MNC must a) have several years of experience in the hobby, b) have an interest in variants, and c) must have a general reputation for reliability.

2. At the same time I verbeen laxin my MN duties, I ve stopped publication of my zine, URF DURFAL GRANDSON OF POUCH. One game has been transferred to Fred Hyatt s THE HOME OFFICE (and Mr. Hyatt will find enclosed with this issue a check for gamefees and subscription monies and a complete game record), and another to Glenn Overby s JTHAD. However, I will have several games, variant and regular, which need homes. Anyone interested in volunteering should write me. Be warned, however, that there has been a hiatus of about eight months, so it may be difficult getting these games going again. GM s who take over such games will get any gamefees and subscription monies from the players.

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Miller Number Designators Assigned Since 1 October 1980:
                      jj--Gusher
                    jk--Jupiter
                    jl--North America 2020
                    jm-Youngstown XII
                    jn--Woolworth Diplomacy
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                Baillie (dro F874), Fred Winter (out W875).

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                  West Saxons: Doug Hayward (dro S871), Raynald Provost (out W871).
                 (Note: victory criterion was majority of units on board).

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MILLER NUMBERS ASSIGNED SINCE LAST ISSUE

80Mjj GUSHER DIPLOMACY Zine: Bushwacker. GM: Gred Davis. A: Ralph Baty. E: Chip Charnley. T: Dan Wilson. G: Scott Hanson. I: Rick Young. R: Ed Bapple. T: Joe Marshall.

80Nfh COLONIA V GM: Eugene Paulson. Zine: The Home Office. Austria: Ben Zablocki. China: Wayner Norton. England: Jack McPherren. France: Chip Charnley. Netherlands: Phil Cooper. Ottomans: Robert Cheek. Portugal: David Arnott. Russia: Fred Hyatt. Spain: Mike Doelling.

800jk JUPITER GM: Bruce Linsey. Zine: The Voice of Doom ((Bruce---could you forward me a list of the initial players and positions?))

81Aja SMALL WORLD II-R GM: Fred Davis. Zine: Bushwacker. Africa: Frank Kennesson. China: Robert Cheeck. Islam: Greg Costikyan. North America: Ronald J. Brown. Russia: Kerry Blant. South America: Ralph Baty. Western Europe: Chip Charnley. Pacific Empire: Glenn Overby

81Bjb MACHIAVELLE (1513 scenario) GM; Glenn Overby. Zine: Jihad. Austria: Bill Osmanson. France: Larry Boudon. Milan: Steve D Allessandro. Papacy Clark Reynolds, Eurks: Don Del Grande. Venice: Mike Scott

81Cjl NORTH AMERICA 2020 GM: Glenn Överby. Zine: Jihad. Canada: Steven Davies-Morriss. C.S.A.: Marion Bates. Deseret: Mike Scott. Mexico: David Anderson. Quebec: Debbie Osborne. Texas: Don Schwartz. U.S.A: Gree Stewart.

81Djm YOUNGSTOWN XII GM: Glen Taylor. Zine: none (carbon copy). Austria: Worth Buruss. China: Kerry Yon. England: Mark Costello. France: David McCrumb. Germany: Chris Mattern. India: Pamela Gereau. Italy: Tim Bertness. Japan: Bil Wulff. Russia: Dave Lowman. Transvaal: Beki Belcher. Turkey: Bob O Harrow. U.S.A.: Dave & Bongard

81Ejn WOOLWORTH DIPLOMACY GM: Glenn Overby. Zine: Jihad. England: David Anderson. France: Fred Davis: Italy: Dan Palter. Scandinavia: Mark Laudi. Spain: Steven Davies-Morris.

JIM BUMPAS: You requested a Miller Number for your *radio* game, but neglected to tell me what year it was started. I can t assign a number until I know when it started.

This is interesting, actually; apparently, Kendter refused to give the game a BN simply because all communication must be published in the zine. Now, no where in the Diplomacy rules does it say that the player <u>must</u> be allowed to negotiate privately. If players wish to enter into a private agreement only to permit negotiate on over the game-board, they are free to do so. Consequently, a game in which all communication is printed changes or violates the original rules of Diplomacy in no way. Consequently, Bumpas RADIO game is NOT A VARIANT in any sense of the word. However, I will, of course, be glad to give it a Miller Number if Kendter is too much of an anal retentive to give it a Boardman Number.

On the other hand, Kendter issues BN s with reliability, while my handling of the MN s has been notably lax. You take what you can get.

It has also come to max attention that Kendter isn t giving BN s to phone games. Is this correct? This strikes me as peculiar, if so. Phone games are entirely legitimate within the purview of the Diplomacy rules. Furthermore, I recall that when I first got into the hobby (72? 73? there were a number of phone games in New York, all with Boardman numbers. In fact, when I started a Diplomacy game at my school in which the players gave their moves to the GM once per week and diplomacy could be conducted at any time face-to-face, the Boardman Number Custodian was glad to give that game a BN. What gives? (Any phone game which has been refused a BN may get a MN.)

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